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1. There was a community of White Russians in Tsingtao numbering about 700, and the Soviet Consul called a meeting of these stateless people to offer them Soviet passports, and an opportunity to return to their native land if they so desired. In addition to the advantage of possessing a Soviet passport, the recipient would also be granted a ration permit that would enable him to make certain purchases of food which at that time were relatively scarce. As a result of effective Soviet propaganda, [redacted] up to 80 per cent of the city's White Russians applied for and were granted Soviet passports, but the glowing benefits of the propagandists did not accrue to these former stateless people and sooner or later their newly acquired identification papers were lost or thrown away. Of the city's White Russians, only about 30 to 50 returned to the Soviet Union and none of these have been heard from since their departure. [redacted] 150 White Russians aboard a [redacted] LST and was brought to Shanghai.
2. The life of a stateless White Russian in Shanghai is anything but pleasant, and with the advent of the Communist regime [redacted] The Chinese would not permit [redacted] work except among the few foreigners present in the city [redacted] semi-weekly visits or the People's Police and questioned for hours on identical subjects. [redacted]
- [redacted] a large number of Soviet citizens in the city. The Soviets [redacted] were always accompanied by Chinese military guards and when they drove about the city in automobiles the curtains were drawn throughout the car except for the front windshield. The Soviets were always attired in civilian dress, and only on one occasion did [redacted] see a

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Soviet citizen in military dress. [redacted]  
a Soviet woman wearing a Chinese army uniform and accompanied by her  
small child. [redacted] a Soviet citizen and heard her speak  
in Russian to her Chinese military associate. [redacted]

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Soviet civilians are housed in the French Concession, Broadway Mansion,  
and the Hong Chow section of Shanghai. [redacted]  
the total number of Soviet advisors who were resident in Shanghai, but  
[redacted] there were several thousand [redacted]

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[redacted] The Soviets in the city are  
not permitted to visit the Russian Club and cannot associate with the  
Chinese civilians nor the White Russian members of the community. As  
an example of the rigid enforcement of this segregation order, [redacted]  
a White Russian [redacted] who had lived in Shanghai for 25 years  
and had a son who remained in the USSR during this period. The son,  
who is now an engineer was sent to Shanghai [redacted] and he  
immediately contacted his father. The son suddenly disappeared after  
the initial contact with his parent and it was later learned that he  
was returned to the Soviet Union because he violated the non-fraterniza-  
tion policy. [redacted] trip from Shanghai to Canton [redacted] there  
were six Soviet civilians on the same railway coach, and upon arrival  
in Canton a Soviet wife and her four children met one of these "foreigners."

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